



# Oxford Church of Christ

*Following Jesus Every Day*

Luke 9:23

## **Information Guide for Members**

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## A Brief History of the Oxford Church of Christ

The beginning of the Church of Christ in Oxford can be traced back to the beginnings of the Civil War, when Thomas W. Caskey, a pioneer gospel preacher, was in charge of the Confederate hospital on the Ole Miss campus. The Oak Grove church in Lafayette County began in 1889, and congregations met in Pine Grove and Toccopola before the turn of the twentieth century.

Evangelistic preaching and gospel meetings were held in the county in the years just before and after 1900. Some of the preachers were J. W. Dunn and E. C. Fuqua (who also published "The Apostolic Light," a religious newspaper). Will Crum lived in Hickory Flat and preached once a month at Oak Grove. Local pioneer preachers were W. M. Gamble and E. C. Fuqua, who preached at the Burgess church.

A. Y. Howell, a circuit preacher, has the closest ancestral connection to the Oxford church as two of his four children worshiped here until their deaths in the 80s. His daughters, Hazel Shelton and Christine Truett, were members here along with their daughters, Dot Newton and Anne Oxnam. On a historical note, A. Y. Howell is buried in Harmontown (northern Lafayette County).

There is no record of the church meeting regularly in Oxford prior to 1929. In the summer of that year, several Christians attending the University of Mississippi began meeting in the YMCA building (Old Chapel) on campus. After the close of summer school the group continued to meet in the home of A. S. Huggins in Oxford. Later, the church met in a second story room on the Oxford square.

In the late 1930s the congregation purchased a house on the corner of Jackson Avenue and North 14<sup>th</sup> Street and converted it into a meeting place and apartment for the minister. This property was sold in 1950 and land was purchased on North Lamar to construct a meeting place, now the fellowship hall. The first service in the new building was conducted on March 18, 1951. The new building cost \$75,000. The members purchased the pews individually and did much of the finishing work. There were about 100 members.

In 1966 the education wing was added at a cost of \$50,000 and more than doubled the classroom space and added a kitchen. In 1983 the congregation experienced the need for a larger worship auditorium and ground was broken in late 1984 on the three-quarter million-dollar project. The new facility seated 400 and added classroom space. After moving into the new auditorium in 1985, average attendance was 310. Since that time, attendance has peaked at about 360, with current (2009) fall and winter averages about 300 and summer about 260.

After the new auditorium was fully functional, the old auditorium was no longer used as a worship area. The congregation saw the need for a fellowship facility along with a larger kitchen, and it was decided to remove the podium and baptistery and add serving counters and a kitchen. Every effort was made to preserve the architectural authenticity of the building in memory of the first members and their hearts of sacrifice. The old auditorium now complements the church activities and is being maintained with a goal of housing fellowship and community activities for years to come.

The Oxford church helped establish the Rivers Hill church in 1957 and that congregation is active today with a full-time minister and is self-supporting. Other good works supported by the congregation through the years include a bus program for bringing children to Bible school and worship, sponsorship of full-time missionaries to Southern Africa and Argentina, providing space for a Korean congregation, support of a preacher training program in Guatemala, outreach to International students and visitors, and an outstanding annual Vacation Bible School. For many years, members of the congregation cleaned the building each week to free up funds for outreach and benevolence.

A major part of the Oxford church's work is the campus ministry. The physical location for this work is the Alpha Omega Christian Student Center at 409 Jackson Avenue, West, just across the street from the Ole Miss campus. The Center was established in 1960. The Center offers housing for males and females with selected meals. Additionally, a full-time campus minister assisted by both male and female apprentices and interns spiritually feed about 50 students. The Oxford church oversees the work at the Student Center. A paid on-site resident provides day-to-day management of the Center and reports to the overseeing elder.

The AΩ Center is funded by a separate budget with funds primarily coming from the Oxford church; other income is from room and board, other churches, and individuals. The campus work is the "primary" mission of the Oxford Church of Christ.

## Statement of Faith

The elders have established a list of biblical principles which summarizes Bible truths and whose purpose is to provide members and prospective members with a quick reference as to the preaching, beliefs, and teaching of this congregation of Christians. We refer to it as our *Statement of Faith*:

### Who Are We?

Paul in Romans wrote: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the spirit of unity as you follow Jesus Christ" (NIV 15:5). The Oxford church is a diverse group of people made up of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, cultures, socioeconomic levels, political beliefs and theological beliefs. Even amid all of this diversity, we are able to maintain unity and peace through the following core beliefs:

- Bible** We believe the Bible is God's unquestionable, authoritative, trustworthy and inspired Word. It instructs us completely in every good work, and no collection of man's words can replace it.
- Faith** Our faith is anchored in the God who created the earth, the universe and all living things. He sacrificed his Son so that we might have complete forgiveness of sins.
- Grace** God's grace is his forgiving power that saves us through faith in Jesus Christ as our personal savior. Grace assures us that we will live eternally in heaven.
- Baptism** Immersion in water is a response of faith. Through baptism a person is reborn in Christ and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Communion** We observe communion with one another and with our Lord on the first day of each week to celebrate our redemption. In this act we are reminded of Christ's supreme sacrifice, the power of his resurrection and his future return.
- Worship** We experience worship daily by the way we live and weekly by gathering to praise God through prayer, communion, scripture reading, a cappella singing and a biblical message.

### What Do We Value?

- Outreach:** Consciously influencing people to have a saving relationship with Jesus.
- Discipleship:** Teaching people how to live as fully devoted followers of Christ.
- Worship:** Celebrating God's grace and praising Him daily for his presence in our lives.
- Service:** Using our gifts to serve Jesus by compassionately serving others.
- Fellowship:** Working together to build healthy relationships through our love in Christ.

### What is Our Purpose?

Given our beliefs and values, we desire to be a Christ-centered, Spirit-powered, grace-motivated family of believers, whose purpose as a church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ is to be actively involved in:

- Telling the story of Jesus . . . . . Matthew 28, Romans 1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
- Growing in the Word . . . . . 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4
- Living godly lives . . . . . Romans 12, Psalm 1
- Praising God . . . . . Psalm 100
- Showing God's love . . . . . Matthew 25, John 13
- Experiencing biblical community . . . Ephesians 2, Galatians 3

**What is Our Mission?**

*Reach up* with the assurance of God's presence through worship and holy living.

*Reach in* by building community, teaching and living Christ-like lives.

*Reach out* to make disciples through sharing our faith, service and Christian influence.

**What is Our Vision?**

We will be a vibrant community of Christians leading people into an ever-deepening relationship with God and his Son, Jesus Christ.

### **What can you expect from us when you become an active member of this body?**

We are a dynamic community of believers in a college town, which makes our work and worship activities a wonderful and, at the same time, a challenging experience. We want to make sure that every member feels at home in the congregation. Turnover is a fact of life with us and we want to make sure that every member feels a sense of belonging here in terms of friendships developed, a sense of urgency in service to our Lord and a sense of family in the body. With this in mind, the following information is what we aspire to do to help everyone feel a part of this body.

#### **New Resident Members:**

- We aspire to invite you to share a meal with us in our homes or in a restaurant so that we can begin to develop a relationship together.
- We aspire to help you find a place to use your talents by asking you to fill out a participation/information form.
- We aspire to invite you to become involved in ministry activities. The participation information you filled out is given to the ministry leaders so they can enlist your help. (Please plan on saying yes and getting involved quickly.)
- We aspire to help you grow spiritually by providing a variety of class opportunities.
- We encourage you to find your "niche" and become a member of this family.

## Family Assembly Times

We are a family of Christians whose faith and practices are established in the teachings of the Bible. We invite you to join with us at 409 North Lamar for Bible study and worship. You will find a diverse group whose only Lord is Jesus, whose only religious authority is God's word, and whose primary aim is following Jesus every day.

### Sunday AM

9:00 - Bible Classes for all ages

*(See following pages for class details and location)*

10:00 - Worship Assembly (Auditorium)

### Sunday PM

6:00 Evening Assembly (Auditorium)

6:00 KidsPraise (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

6:00 252Club (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:00 SNL - (See youth bulletin board and/or bulletin for schedule)

6:00 (AΩ Student Center - see Rebel Small Groups - rebelsforChrist.org)

### Wednesday PM

6:30 - Bible Classes for all ages

*(Rebels for Christ students meet at the AΩ Student Center at 7:00 during the school year.)*

### Other Meetings

6:00 PM Monday & Friday - AA meeting

10:00 AM Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Class (8 weeks per semester)

Face Time small groups meet at various times usually on Sunday afternoon or evening on alternate weeks during the fall and spring.

## F r e q u e n t l y   A s k e d   Q u e s t i o n s

### 1. **Are classes taught during the week or at times other than Sunday and midweek?**

There is a women's Bible class that meets at the building for about eight weeks each semester. All women are welcome.

There are other special meetings such as AA. Also, there are some campus ministry Bible studies that occur during the week.

### 2. **What do the abbreviations the church uses mean?**

**AΩCSC** - Alpha Omega Christian Student Center at 409 Jackson Avenue, West, 662-234-5699

**Face Time Groups** - These small groups that meet for worship at and fellowship, usually on Sunday afternoon or evening. They meet in homes and at the Student Center.

**ICM** - Interfaith Compassion Ministry is a cooperative effort of churches in town to meet the needs of those struggling financially.

**OCOC** - Oxford church of Christ

**IPM - Intercessory Prayer Ministry:** This ministry keeps the prayer warriors of the congregation aware of prayer needs through email correspondence.

**RFC** - Rebels for Christ (website: [rebelsforchrist.org](http://rebelsforchrist.org))

**SNL** - Sunday Night Live is our youth ministry outreach program, which meets in homes on Sunday nights.

**252Club** - Luke 2:52 is a children's ministry for grades 3-6 that meets on Sunday nights at the building.

**WBS** - World Bible School is a correspondence course school in which members of this congregation enroll students from Zimbabwe, Africa, to a course of study in the Bible.

### 3. **If I am interested in teaching a Bible class, who do I contact?**

You can contact any of the elders or education ministry leaders. They will be glad to help you.

### 4. **What does a greeter do?**

Greeters welcome everyone to Sunday worship. They hand out bulletins at the front door, provide information, and gather visitors' names.

### 5. **I have been asked to participate in serving the Lord's Supper. Who can give me instruction on what I am to do?**

Mason Rives (662-607-0717) is the deacon over this ministry and will be glad to answer any questions you have, or if you cannot make your scheduled time you can let him know.



**6. Are keys available for the building?**

The build has a keyless entry and any member can give you the code. There are parts of the building which require keys for access; the staff can help you open these doors.

**7. If I have a prayer need, who do I call?**

You can call any of the elders or staff with prayer requests (contact information on later pages).

**8. How do I get an announcement in the bulletin?**

Michelle Williams, our secretary, will be glad to help you. You may call her at 234-1735 or email her at [michelle@ococ.org](mailto:michelle@ococ.org).

**9. Does the church maintain a website?**

Yes, the address is [www.ococ.org](http://www.ococ.org). The Rebels for Christ website is [www.rebelsforchrist.org](http://www.rebelsforchrist.org).

**10. Who can I contact if I want to use the building for a function/activity? What are the guidelines for use?**

You can contact the secretary, Michelle Williams, 234-1735; she maintains the calendar of events and has copies of the guidelines.

**11. Who can I contact if I would like to use the Student Center worship room or coffee shop for a function?**

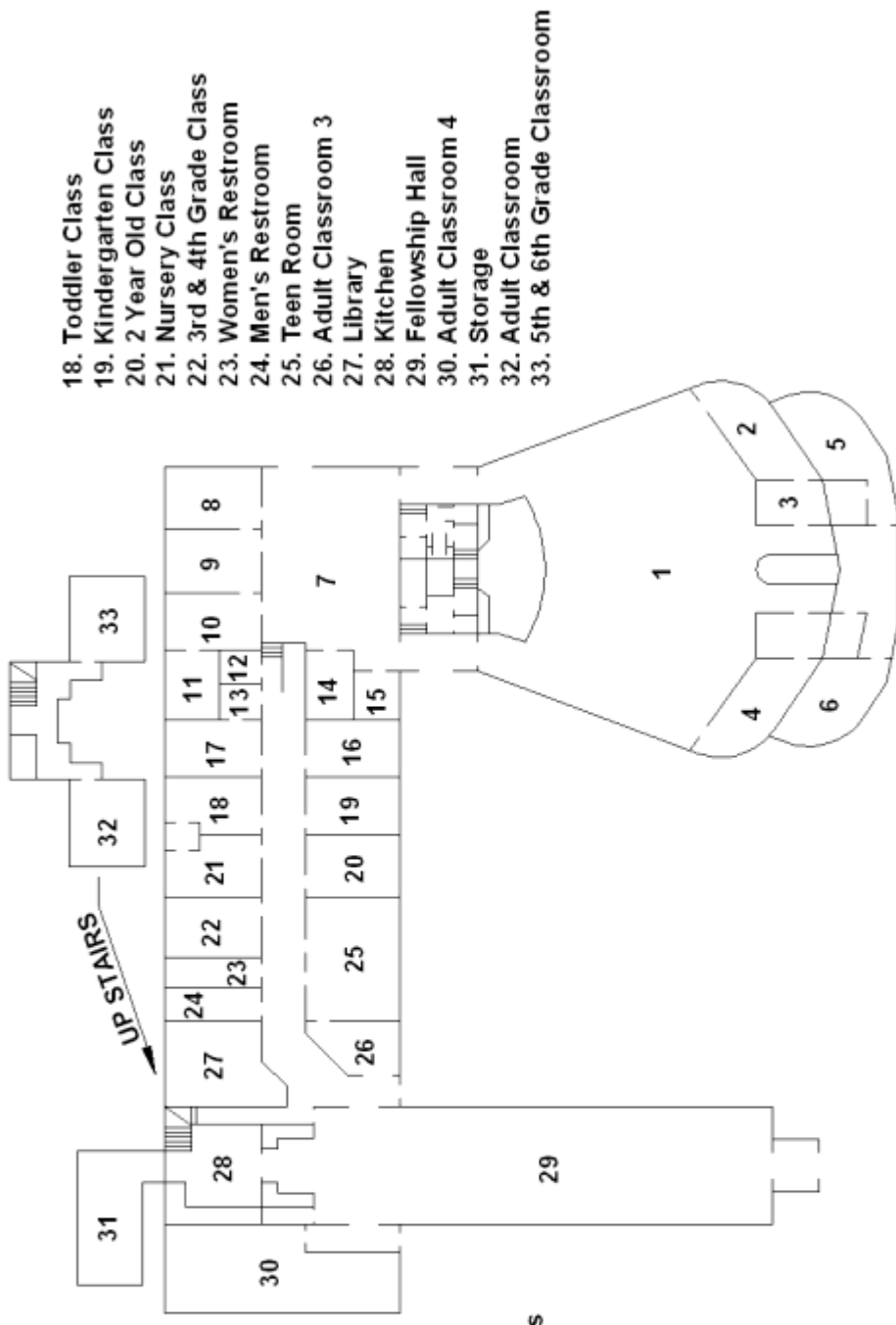
You can contact the Student Center manager, Deborah Bone, at 662-801-4306.

**12. Where can I park?**

See the parking guide on page 11.

**13. How do I "adopt" a student?**

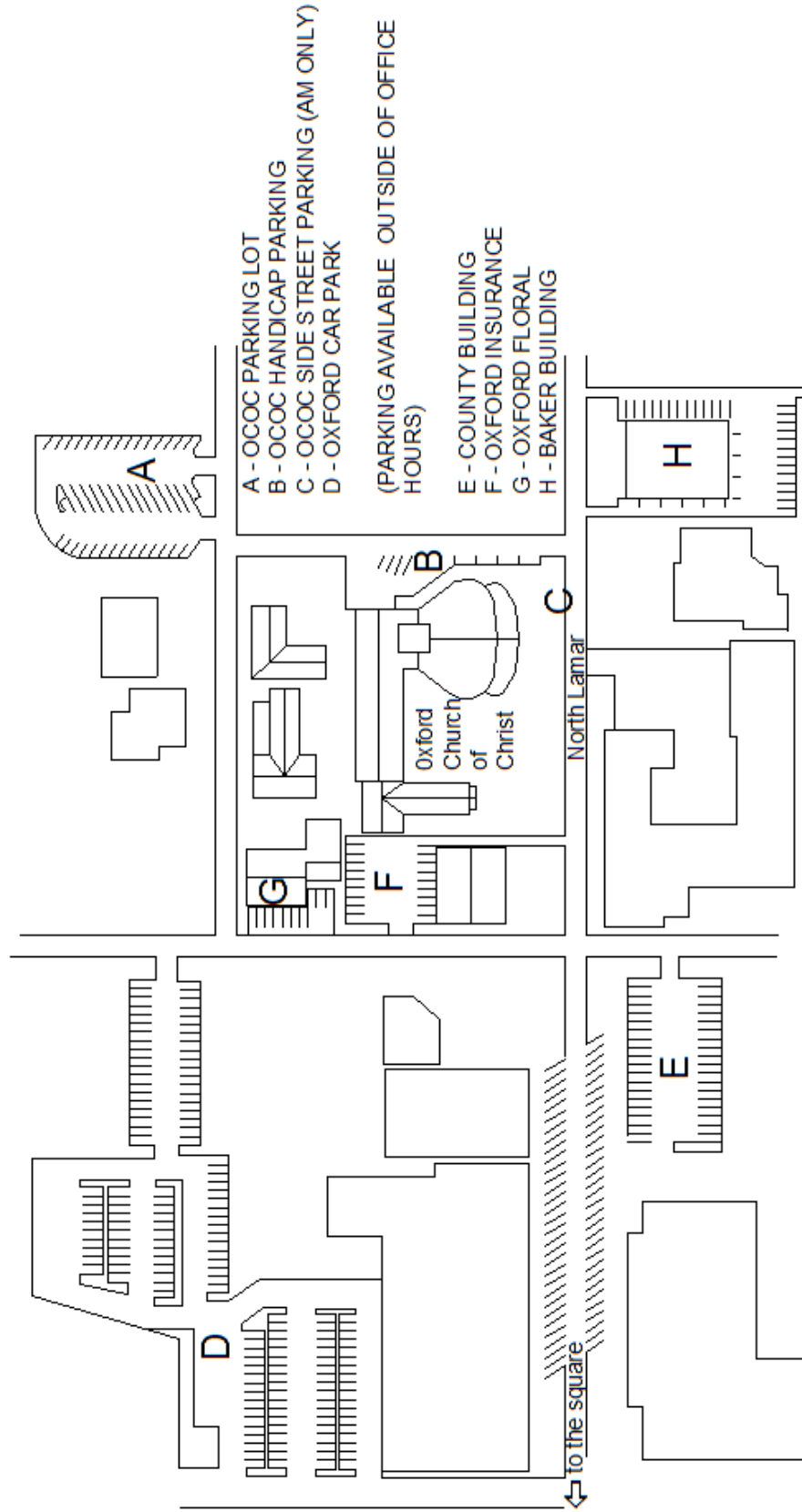
Contact Casey Coston (Campus Minister) at 816-2224 or [caseoncampus@gmail.com](mailto:caseoncampus@gmail.com) for information on how to adopt an Ole Miss student.



- 1. Auditorium
- 2. Adult Classroom 1
- 3. Unattended Nursery
- 4. Adult Classroom 2
- 5. Women's Restroom
- 6. Men's Restroom
- 7. Back Foyer
- 8. Lendy's Office
- 9. Secretary Office
- 10. Chad's Office
- 11. Storage
- 12. Men's Rest room
- 13. Women's Restroom
- 14. Kid's Praise Closet
- 15. Janitorial Closet
- 16. 1st & 2nd Grade Class
- 17. 3 Year Old Class

- 18. Toddler Class
- 19. Kindergarten Class
- 20. 2 Year Old Class
- 21. Nursery Class
- 22. 3rd & 4th Grade Class
- 23. Women's Restroom
- 24. Men's Restroom
- 25. Teen Room
- 26. Adult Classroom 3
- 27. Library
- 28. Kitchen
- 29. Fellowship Hall
- 30. Adult Classroom 4
- 31. Storage
- 32. Adult Classroom
- 33. 5th & 6th Grade Classroom

**CHURCH BUILDING FLOOR PLAN**



## OCOC PARKING GUIDE

### **Letter of Welcome from the Ministerial Staff**

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm delighted that you've decided to become actively involved with God's family here in Oxford. I realize you have many other choices about where to serve Jesus. We are honored to serve with you in this community.

We believe that God wants to advance the rule of his kingdom in the hearts and minds of people in this area, and he wants to engage the church first and foremost to accomplish this enormous task.

Therefore OCOC creates trusting relationships that serve God in order to bless our community and our church family. That's our mission. Being a fellowship of trusting relationships that serves, is how we carry out the Great Vision of God given to our forefather, Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.

In reflecting on God's beautiful kingdom as one full of peace, love, forgiveness, and holiness, it's not hard for anyone to see that in this broken world, we have our work cut out for us. So, we look forward to not only getting to know you and your family, but also co-laboring with you in God's kingdom to bring about his peaceful reign in Oxford and throughout the world.

Thankfully, God has not left us to do his bidding alone. I believe that He equips us with his grace to accomplish His will. In keeping with God's desire to empower his church for his purposes, I want to be a servant leader who serves the church in a similar manner. Therefore, I ask you to help me help you fulfill God's calling in your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Please contact me by phone or e-mail anytime...or better yet, just drop by the office at your convenience for a get-acquainted visit.





I want to support you in staying connected to the body so that you can stay connected to the head, which is Jesus Christ (and I have a hunch that these are your desires too).


May God bless you and the work you seek to accomplish in his name in Oxford.

Sincerely,

Ministers of the Oxford church of Christ

## M e e t t h e S t a f f

	<p><b>Student Center Manager - Katrina Dickerson</b></p> <p>Katrina Dickerson is from Amory, MS and engaged to Caleb Edwards, who is a native to Oxford. She has recently graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor's degree in English. She serves as the manager of the Alpha Omega Christian Student She ensures that everything runs smoothly and provides an atmosphere that is welcoming for all students who live at the center and for the students who visit from the University of Mississippi and Northwest Community College Campuses.</p> <p>Cell: 662-315-6268          Email: <a href="mailto:katrina.rfc@gmail.com">katrina.rfc@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Jimmy Devine</b> (Youth Minister) was born and raised in Daytona Beach, FL as was his wife, Michele. They started dating in high school and have been married since 2012. Jimmy graduated with a degree in Youth and Family Ministry from Harding University in 2014. Michele is a stay-at-home mom with their two children, Jay and Madelyn.</p> <p>Office: 662-234-1735          Cell: 386-506-1640          Email: <a href="mailto:jimmy@ococ.org">jimmy@ococ.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Casey Coston</b> (Campus Missionary) is a native Arkansan and his wife, Tracey, was born in Rhodesia (currently Zimbabwe) but grew up in Texas. They have been married since June 2002. Casey is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Chemical Engineering but received his Master of Divinity degree from Abilene Christian University (ACU). Tracey also graduated from ACU in Photojournalism. They have three children, Miles, Moses, and Maggie.</p> <p>Cell: 662-816-2224          Email: <a href="mailto:caseoncampus@gmail.com">caseoncampus@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Melanie Foster</b> (Student Center Cook) is a graduate of Purdue University and prepares delicious meals for students at the Student Center. Her granddaughter, Brianna, lives with her.</p> <p>Home: 662-232-2781          Email: <a href="mailto:melaniejf@juno.com">melaniejf@juno.com</a></p>




	<p><b>Michelle Williams</b> (Secretary) has recently returned to Oxford. She handles a myriad of administrative tasks for the church.  <b>Office:</b> 234-1735  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:michelle@ococ.org">michelle@ococ.org</a></p>
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Letter of Welcome from the Deacons





It is a joy to welcome you as a member of the congregation. We do believe you will find this congregation is more than just a Sunday morning church. It is an active and growing community of faith made up of unique individuals who are striving to serve God daily. There are tremendous blessings that flow from the commitment to serve. As we walk with Jesus, serving daily, we see hearts opened, lives transformed, relationships healed, sin patterns broken, and connections to God strengthened. God richly blesses us every day.

We invite you to come and share in these blessings by deciding to be a part of the ministries of this church and discover the richness of giving from a thankful heart.

**M e e t   t h e   D e a c o n s**

	<p><b>Brian Byars</b> is a geotechnical engineer and surveyor for local consultant. Liz is the technology director at Regents School of Oxford. They have two daughters, Taylor and Emmy who attend Regents School of Oxford.  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:brianbyars1@gmail.com">brianbyars1@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Larry Chandler</b> is retired from Chandler Motor Company. His wife, Suzanne, is a homemaker. They are the parents of two adult children who are married and Neil and Anna Grace who are still at home. They have one grandchild.  <b>Area of Service:</b> Youth Ministry, Assembly Servants  <b>Cell:</b> 662-607- 0358  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:larrychandler39@gmail.com">larrychandler39@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Richard Cross</b> is the co host of Head to Head on Super Talk Mississippi and a television play by play announcer with the SEC Network. His wife, Jane, is a pharmacist. Both are graduates of The University of Mississippi They have two children, Ava Montgomery and Oby.  <b>Area of service:</b> Homebuilders, New Member Welcome  <b>Cell:</b> <a href="tel:662-832-8000">662-832-8000</a>  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cross.oxford@gmail.com">cross.oxford@gmail.com</a></p>

	<p><b>Chris Dahl</b> is a Physician Assistant for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Oxford. His wife, Shelly Dahl is a Future Sales Director with Mary Kay. Chris and Shelly both Graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. They have 2 children, Eric and Stella. Both kids attend Regents School of Oxford.  Email: <a href="mailto:chrisdahl3@gmail.com">chrisdahl3@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Jake Easley</b> is the County Executive Director of the USDA-Farm Service Agency for Marshall and Benton Counties. His wife, Rebecca, is a stay-at-home mom. They have two daughters, Anna Kate and Sarah.  <b>Area of Service:</b> Campus Ministry, Homebuilders/Social  <b>Cell:</b> 662-801-3104  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jakeeasley@gmail.com">jakeeasley@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Xing-Cong Li</b> is a Research Scientist at the UM National Center for Natural Products Research. His wife, Mingxian, is a Software Developer at FNC. They have one child, David, who attends Vanderbilt University.  <b>Areas of Service:</b> Christian Chinese Fellowship  <b>Work:</b> 662-915-6742  <b>Cell:</b> 662-801-2079  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:xcli7@olemiss.edu">xcli7@olemiss.edu</a></p>
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	<p><b>Yanhong Wang</b> is a Senior Research Scientist at the University of Mississippi's National Center for Natural Products. His wife, Xiaozhong (June) Wang, graduate of Northwest Mississippi Community College, is a homemaker. Yanhong and June have a son, Jeffrey. <b>Area of Service:</b> Asian Grocery Shuttle <b>Cell:</b> 662-801-1097 Email: <a href="mailto:wangyh@olemiss.edu">wangyh@olemiss.edu</a></p>
	<p><b>Mike Williams</b> and his wife Jan retired from the Mississippi State Extension Service and returned to same house in Oxford they left 21 years earlier. They have three grown children - Michelle, Andy and Amelia - and serve as active grandparents to 9 grandchildren. Jan works as a cradle roll teacher and food prep for shut-ins, and Mike keeps busy with World Bible School, Kairos, teaching and visiting. Email: <a href="mailto:mrwms1217@gmail.com">mrwms1217@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Daniel Wren</b> is a research scientist at the USDA-ARS-National Sedimentation Laboratory. His wife, Ashley, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Arkansas State University and teaches science at Regents School of Oxford. They have two children, Isaac and Ada. <b>Areas of Service:</b> Facetime Small Groups, Missions <b>Cell:</b> 662-832-2250 Email: <a href="mailto:dgwren@gmail.com">dgwren@gmail.com</a></p>





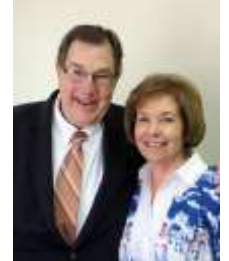


### Letter of Welcome from the Shepherds

Thank you for deciding to be a part of this congregation! We are a diverse group of people who have been drawn together by a tremendously wonderful reality. God, through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, has created a great calling for all who accept his miracle of grace. He has forgiven us of our sin and refashioned us according to his glorious riches. Because of these great riches, it is our joy, as a church family, to proclaim and exemplify God's new creation in Christ.

As imperfect forgiven people, our goal is to live a life of loving acceptance, where people will grow spiritually through vibrant worship, honest friendships, caring fellowship, constant prayer, and compassionate concern for the world. We seek to be a caring and an inviting church, but also one with uncompromising commitment to the cross. With open hearts and open minds, we encourage you to join in opening doors to new friendships.

### M e e t t h e S h e p h e r d s

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	<p><b>Oby Easley</b> is retired from USDA/FSA, and presently owns Easley Consulting. His wife, Shirley, is a retired elementary school teacher. They have two adult children and four grandchildren.  <b>Home:</b> 662-234-5685  <b>Cell:</b> 662-645-6450  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:oby@easleyconsulting.net">oby@easleyconsulting.net</a>  <b>Areas of Oversight:</b> Budget, Fellowship Events, Home Builders</p>
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## Every Member Has a Role

*Each one of us has a body with many parts, and these parts all have different uses. In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are one body. Each one is a part of that body, and each part belongs to all the other parts (Romans 12: 4-5).*

To feel a part of the Lord's Body, every member must understand that he has God-given talents, and that these were given to be used to His glory. Spiritual growth occurs only when each member recognizes he has a role and works to fulfill it.

Consider these things as you decide what your role in the family will be:

1. Are there job skills or experiences I have that are applicable to service in God's family?
2. What kinds of issues, ministries, or needs touch my heart the most?
3. In what previous areas of ministry have I served and do they still interest me?
4. What do people tell me I am good at?
5. What areas of ministry will allow me to maintain balance in my life?

Prayerfully consider these questions, evaluate the ministries, and determine where you best fit into this family.



## CARE MINISTRIES

**Communion to Shut-Ins and Nursing Homes:** This ministry seeks to serve communion every Sunday to members in nursing homes and to those confined to home.

**Fellowship Events:** Monthly congregational fellowship events are planned throughout the year. Other events are organized for special occasions.

**Homebuilders:** Building strong families through fellowship and Bible study is the focus of this ministry. This group meets for Bible study on Sunday mornings. Activities for sharing and growing are planned throughout the year.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Keep the prayer warriors of the congregation aware of prayer needs. Recruit more warriors to the prayer team.

**New Member Welcome:** This ministry seeks to welcome new members in specific ways such as hosting them in a home within a few weeks of their becoming members or being baptized, or serving as a guide to help them get to know the church and community.

**Senior Servants:** The focus of this ministry is strengthening the bonds of our older members and helping them to be involved in congregational life. Senior Servants meet for a noon fellowship meal the first Thursday of each month.



**Women's Ministry:** Women play a major role behind the scenes. This ministry is focused on four areas-- growth, fellowship, outreach, and service. While these areas are part of other ministries, the women's ministry focuses on encouraging every woman to be involved and committed, and seeks to address the needs of all ages.

## E Q U I P P I N G M I N I S T R I E S

**Children's Bible Time (3s-kindergarten):** Children meet during Sunday morning sermon time for Bible stories, puppet application lessons, and crafts.

**Education, Adult:** This ministry is responsible for the coordination of our adult education program. They are responsible for recruiting and training teachers, developing curriculum, and in many other ways striving to meet the needs of the adults in this church and community.

**Education, Nursery & Toddler:** Bible classes for babies and toddlers help get little ones off to a good start. This ministry also seeks volunteers to baby sit these two age groups during Sunday morning worship assemblies.

**Education, Children (2s-6<sup>th</sup>):** Michelle Devine heads up this ministry and is responsible for 2s through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes including teacher recruiting and training, curriculum, resource room, workshops, and seminars.

**Education, Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):** Bible classes and activities are focused on getting the teens to seek God's wisdom and guidance for their Christian formation, learning how to proclaim and live the gospel, and sharing the Spirit with others.

**Small Groups:** Small Groups meet weekly at the Student Center and in homes for Bible study, encouragement, and sharing the Good News. Involvement in these groups will enrich your life and help you to be more effective in God's service.

**International Bible Class:** Anyone is welcome in this class. The focus is to help international students learn about God. This class encourages interaction between members and internationals.

**KidsPraise (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>):** This ministry for children ages 3 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is an interactive Sunday night program designed to help children grow in Bible knowledge and spiritual maturity. Activities during this time are Bible stories, puppets, songs, and crafts.

**252Club (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>):** This interactive Sunday night program for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders is based on Luke 2:52, "Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man." Activities during this time are Bible story, application discussions, songs, and crafts.



**Vacation Bible School:** Planting the seeds of the Kingdom is the goal of this ministry. The lives of children in our community are touched by the story of Jesus, and through them their parents learn about Jesus. VBS is usually the first week in June.

**Youth Ministry (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):** This ministry endeavors to teach, guide and prepare youth in grades 7-12. This is accomplished through balanced youth ministry programming and training opportunities such as prayer time, Bible class, mentoring, events, trips, retreats, VBS, and other resources.



## L O C A L M I S S I O N S

**Asian Grocery Shuttle:** This ministry operates a shuttle service for shopping at Asian grocery stores in the Memphis area. Spouses of Asian students and visiting faculty/researchers often have no means to travel the distances necessary to buy traditional foods. This service helps them and introduces them to the church and opportunities to study the Bible through the FriendSpeak program.

**Backyard Missions:** Evangelism and service are a part of this ministry which encourages us to "follow Jesus every day." Ministering to both the church and to the community, God continues to grow this special ministry.



**Benevolence and Related Works:** The Benevolence Ministry is designed to help the needy in the community. The ministry coordinates benevolence efforts such as helping provide school supplies to low income families. The ministry also coordinates OCOG's financial and personnel participation in Interfaith Compassion Ministry [ICM].

**Campus Ministry (Rebels for Christ):** Rebels for Christ is the primary mission of the Oxford Church of Christ. **Our mission is to make disciples who will change the world for Christ.** Although our natural outreach is to Ole Miss, we want students who attend Northwest Community College to feel included as well. We have tremendous resources available to college students: a loving church family that adopts students, a Student Center where students can meet for every kind of good activity (i.e., study the Bible and worship, watch football games, play pool, pray, meet at The Well Coffeehouse, etc.), and a loving staff that is here to serve them and walk with them through the ups and downs of college life. You can read



more about our **vision** on the website: [www.rebelsforchrist.org](http://www.rebelsforchrist.org). It can be summed up this way: We want to invite God and others to be part of this ministry. We want to carry our cross daily and trust God to give us life again. We want to love everybody like Jesus did—friends, neighbors, strangers and even enemies. We want to tell Ole Miss and then the world that Jesus was dead but is alive again!



**FriendSpeak:** If you have a desire to do foreign missions but can't leave Mississippi, this is the ministry for you. FriendSpeak helps internationals practice their English using the Bible. This ministry provides an opportunity to share the gospel with those who know little to nothing about Jesus. Training and books are provided to help you get started in this ministry.

**Kairos Prison Ministry:** The mission of Kairos is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals. The ministry is made up of well-organized and well-trained volunteer teams from communities near the prison. Teams conduct an introductory 3-day short course in Christianity in cooperation with the Chaplain, who carefully selects up to 42 inmate leaders to attend.

**Orphans Homes:** "When you are gathering your harvest in the field and leave behind a bundle of grain, don't go back and get it. Leave it there for foreigners, orphans, and widows so that the Lord our God can bless everything you do" (Deuteronomy 24:19, NCV). Share your blessings with orphans, and the Lord will bless all you do! We send monthly support to Pine Vale Children's Home located near Corinth. Members participate in food drives; contribute funds for birthday, graduation and Christmas gifts for the children; and attend annual events such as the Fall Picnic or Christmas Party. All members can also pray for the children individually and for the staff members at Pine Vale.

**The Pantry:** For the month of November our congregation is in charge of Oxford's Pantry. We distribute food to the less fortunate in our community, serving between 85 to 140 families a week. We meet food trucks three times a month, unpack boxes and stack shelves on Tuesdays and as needed, then distribute staples, canned foods, dry goods, fresh vegetables, meat, and bread on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who wishes to help.



**ReachOut** is a systematic and coordinated ministry to reach out to those members of our community who visit our worship services. The goal is to use the tools God has blessed us with as effectively as we can to let visitors know that they are welcome and to help integrate them into our family with the hopes that we can become their church family. The program focuses on making contact, mainly through note cards and phone calls, to local visitors who have attended our Sunday morning worship service. Those who continue to visit with us or who otherwise indicate a desire to learn more about our congregation are invited to dinner at the home of one of our members, along with other members who may share similar interests.

## S E R V I C E M I N I S T R I E S

**Baptistery Maintenance:** This ministry services the baptistery to ensure that the water is clean and ready at all times for baptisms.

**Building Lock-up:** This group assures that all of the lights are off and that the building is locked following service times.

**Building Maintenance—Exterior, Grounds, Parking Lots:** Maintaining the outside of our facility is the responsibility of this ministry. Mowing the lawn, maintaining the flower beds, and making repairs to the building are included in this ministry.

**Building Maintenance—Interior:** Maintaining the inside of our facility is the responsibility of this ministry. Repairs and general maintenance to keep our facility in good shape are part of the duties of this ministry.

**Bulletin Boards:** This ministry maintains the various pictorial bulletin boards in the back foyer and hallway by taking pictures at events and displaying them on the bulletin boards.

**Computers:** Keeping our computers up to date and in good working order is the responsibility of this ministry.

**Congregational Database:** This ministry maintains attendance records from the Sunday morning communication sheets.

**Congregational Web Page:** With the need for good communication and keeping up with technology, we maintain a web page. The goal is to keep the family informed and to let others know about us as a congregation. The web page also helps people find us.

**Front Sign:** This ministry displays our worship times and the title of the Sunday lesson. Any maintenance to keep the sign in good condition is the responsibility of this ministry.

**Heating & Cooling:** Temperature of the building during worship and activities is an important responsibility. This ministry takes care of keeping the temperature just right. Seeing to maintenance of the heating and air conditioning system is also included.

**Pictorial Directory:** A directory of photographs and contact information for members and those who attend regularly is maintained. Services are needed to photograph members and produce directory pages for a notebook.

**Van, Church:** OCOC owns a van, which is used by many members for mission trips and other activities. Keeping the van clean and in good working condition is the responsibility of this ministry.

## W O R L D M I S S I O N S

**Missions Team:** Reviewing requests for support, researching possibilities, and keeping the congregation informed about mission areas that we currently support and potential areas of support is the responsibility of this group. Planning ways the congregation can be included in carrying out our missions ministry is an important part of this ministry. We currently support Western Bible Institute in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, and World Bible School.

**Western Bible Institute:** Monthly support is provided to Western Bible Institute in Quetzaltenango (Xela), Guatemala. Everardo Siguenza is the director. WBI was established in 1993 to prepare Guatemalan men to preach and assume leadership roles in local churches.



**World Bible School:** Everyday Christians of all ages equipped with WBS correspondence courses help teach those in Zimbabwe, Africa, who want to learn about Jesus. Much like spiritual pen-pals, they provide lessons to the students, encourage them, guide them to respond to the Gospel, and help put them in touch with loving Christians near them.

## W O R S H I P   A S S E M B L Y   M I N I S T R I E S

**Assembly Planning:** This ministry works closely with the pulpit minister in planning our worship assemblies. They are responsible for the planning and implementation of meaningful worship experiences, including development and operation of pre-worship slides and announcements.

**Assembly Servants:** Volunteers to serve communion, lead prayers, and prepare communion one month per year are assigned to these duties on a monthly basis. Prayer leaders gather on Sunday morning with the minister and song leader in room 2 for prayer before the worship assembly begins.

**Communion Preparation:** Members are solicited to volunteer to help with communion preparation for one month during the year. Communion prep includes filling the trays with juice and bread prior to the Sunday assembly. This is usually done on Saturday afternoon or early (before class) on Sunday morning. Empty cups are collected after services each Sunday morning. A tray for communion is also left prepared in Room 1 for the Sunday night service.

**Greeters (Sunday Morning):** This ministry seeks to warmly welcome all visitors and members as they arrive for worship,

**Parking Set-Up:** Volunteers for this ministry come early on Sunday mornings and set up visitor parking signs and cones. Following the assembly, they remove the signs and cones.

**Projector Operation:** This ministry operates the computer and projector for worship services.

**Singing for Funerals:** Often times we are asked to provide music, songs, and singers for funerals. Recruiting singers and making arrangements with the bereaved family is the responsibility of this ministry.

**Song Leaders:** This ministry works closely with the pulpit minister to plan our worship in song during our assemblies. They are responsible for recruiting and scheduling song leaders.

**Sound System & Recording:** This ministry operates behind the scenes but is vital to our body. They ensure that the public address systems are operable for all worship services and activities in the auditorium. In addition, they are responsible for recording the Sunday morning sermon.



**Ushers (Sunday morning):** This ministry coordinates ushers at each service, sees that all visitors feel welcome and are escorted to a classroom, and assists anyone needing additional help or information.

**Wednesday Devotional:** This ministry provides mid-week prayer list updates, a devotional thought, and songs for our 15-minute together time before classes.

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Directions: Please complete this form and return it to the church office. One form per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of work/school: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  single  married  widow/widower  divorced  separated

If applicable, spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children at home (and birth dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be listed in the church directory?  Yes  No Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary language: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of fluency:  little  moderate  fluent

Additional language and level of fluency: \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING IN (or wish more information about) THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:**

### **Care Ministries** (p23)

- Take communion to shut-ins (in hospital, in homes or nursing homes)
- Assist in arrangements for fellowship activities  
( congregational fellowship  shower team)
- Regularly pray privately for needs ( send me regular updates via email)
- Be a part of the new member welcome team
- Work with senior servants
- Prepare food for special needs (i.e., funerals/sick/new babies)
- Visit shut-ins or nursing homes
- Visit in hospital and/or help those just home from the hospital

### **Equipping Ministries** (pp24-25)

- Help with Children's Bible Time  Help with KidsPraise  Help with 252Club
- Help in nursery during  Sunday a.m.  Sunday p.m.  Wednesday p.m.
- Teach or  co-teach Bible Class  
 Sunday a.m.  Sunday p.m.  Wednesday p.m.
- Preferred age group(s):  Preschool  K-6  7-12  College  Adult
- Participate in Small Group Bible Study (Front Line)
- Teach/lead Small Group Bible Study (Front Line)
- Work with International Bible Class
- Work with Vacation Bible School (p24)
- Assist in planning or coordinating youth activities (p24)

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**Local Missions Ministries** (pp26-27)

- Help with Asian Grocery Shuttle
- Help with Backyard Missions (local benevolence through Campus Ministry)
- Work with others in benevolent outreach to the community (Interfaith Compassion Ministry)
- Assist with planning/coordinating Rebels for Christ activities (Ole Miss Campus Ministry)
- "Adopt" a college student to provide them a local friend/home away from home
- Read the Bible one-on-one with an International student (FriendSpeak)
- Work with Kairos Prison Ministry
- Provide liaison between regional orphans homes and the congregation
- Assist with The Pantry (local benevolence)
- Assist ReachOut ministry with phone calls, notes, or front porch visits with visitors

**Service Ministries** (p28)

- Assist in baptistery maintenance
- Assist in building security (lock-up)
- Assist in maintaining grounds (yard, shrubs, etc.)
- Assist in maintaining building interior (lights, plumbing, minor repairs, etc.)
- Assist in maintaining bulletin boards in hallways
- Help with maintenance of computers
- Assist in developing and keeping the congregational web page current
- Help keep the front sign current
- Assist with maintaining the heating and cooling system
- Assist with membership directories (pictorial/other)
- Assist in maintaining church van

**World Missions** (p29)

- Work with others on coordinating mission efforts (Missions Team)
- Correspond/interact with Western Bible Institute (Guatemala)
- Correspond with World Bible School students (help grade completed booklets)

**Worship Ministries** (p30)

- MEN:**  Lead prayer in worship assembly  Serve communion  Preside communion  
 Usher  Lead singing  Preach  Give short talk  Read scripture
- Prepare communion and pick up cups after assembly (about one month a year)
  - Greet people before Sunday morning assembly
  - Assist in setting up visitor parking on Sunday mornings
  - Operate projector during worship
  - Operate sound and recording system during worship
  - Count and record attendance at assemblies and classes
  - Sing at funerals

Additional areas of service in which I would like to be involved: \_\_\_\_\_

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